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चतुर्वेदपुरीशाय शाश्वतायादिमूर्तये ।
आत्मनाथाय जगतां गुरवे ब्रह्मणे नमः ॥ १ ॥

सद्धनानन्दकन्दाय चिदानन्दस्वरूपिणे ।
कुन्दभूरुहवासाय गुरवे ब्रह्मणे नमः ॥ २ ॥

विधातृहरिमुख्यानां विश्वेषां जगतामपि ।
ज्ञानदात्रे सुमहते गुरवे ब्रह्मणे नमः ॥ ३ ॥

अणोरणीयसे तस्मै महतश्च महीयसे ।
तुर्यातीताय शुद्धाय गुरवे ब्रह्मणे नमः ॥ ४ ॥

स्रष्टुं विधातृरूपाय रक्षितुं विष्णुरूपिणे ।
संहर्तुं कालरूपाय गुरवे ब्रह्मणे नमः ॥ ५ ॥

विधिविश्वम्भराभीष्टप्रदाब्जचरणाय ते ।
विश्वातीताय विश्वस्मै गुरवे ब्रह्मणे नमः ॥ ६ ॥

सहस्रशिरसे तुभ्यं सहस्राक्षिभुजाङ्घ्रये ।
सहस्रागमवेद्याय गुरवे ब्रह्मणे नमः ॥ ७ ॥

पञ्चाननाय देवाय पञ्चब्रह्मस्वरूपिणे ।
पञ्चाक्षरस्वरूपाय गुरवे ब्रह्मणे नमः ॥ ८ ॥

मद्भर्त्रे जगतां पित्रे कारणत्रयहेतवे ।
नमस्तुभ्यं नमस्तुभ्यं नमस्तुभ्यं नमो नमः ॥ ९ ॥

अपराधायुतोपेतं महाकल्मषमानसम् ।
पाहि मां पाहि मां नित्यं पाहि मामात्मनायक ॥ १० ॥

रुद्रेशकथितं स्तोत्रं दशकं यः पठेत् पुमान् ।
कालमृत्युमतिक्रम्य स चिरायुः सुखी भवेत् ॥ ११ ॥


इति श्रीरुद्रकृता आत्मनाथस्तुतिः समाप्ता ।

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Tirupperunthurai (also called the Athmanathaswamy temple) is located in Avudaiyarkoil village, near Aranthangi in the Pudukkottai district of Tamil Nadu. It was built to honor Lord Shiva. The presiding deity is formless (Atmanatar); there is no Śivalingam but only a pedestal (AvudayAr) located in the sanctum, hence the name Avudayar Koil. The God faces South in this temple- in Dakshinamurthy or Guru form. His consort is worshipped as SivayoganAyaki (YogAmbAl) in iconless form. There is no Nandi bull icon as is conventional in almost all Shiva temples.

There is deep spiritual significance in this. Hinduism allows deity worship for the novice. As one's devotion matures, one begins to contemplate the truth of formlessness of the Brahman. The temple has been designed to illustrate this theology. This one of the rarest Saivite shrines in whole of India to portray the supreme truth symbolically. Since the soul (athma) has no form, the deity is called Athmanathar.

Legend has it that Manickavasagar, one of the four Saivite savants, constructed the temple at Avudaiyarkoil.

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